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Appointments in the subordinate and provincial services of the Fisheries department.

646 Q.—Mr. A. D. M. Bavotti Sahib: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state the various grades of appointments in the subordinate and provincial services in the Fisheries department together with the scale of pay and qualifications and also the number of Muhammadans holding appointments in the department in the West and East Coast?

A.—The hon. Member is referred to the establishment list of the department and the abstract of the rules relating to Public Service Examinations in the Madras Presidency available in the library which contain information as to the various grades of appointments in the department with their scale of pay and qualifications. The number of Muhammadans holding appointments in the department in the West and East Coast is two and eight, respectively.

Mappilla rebels killed during the rebellion.

647 Q.—Mr. A. D. M. Bavotti Sahib: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) why the answer to my question No. 466 (c) (2) at the meeting of the Council held on 14th November 1922 that the number of Mappillas killed in the rebellion was roughly between 1,200 and 1,500 varies from the answer to the question No. 417 (c) put by Mr. C. Ramalinga Reddi at the meeting of the Council held on 13th November 1922 that the number of Mappilla rebels killed was three thousand approximately;

(b) which figure is correct; and

(c) who is responsible for these answers?

A.—The Government regret that an error was made in the answer to question No. 417. The figure 3,000 represented an approximate estimate of all field casualties sustained by the Mappillas including wounded as well as killed.

The answer to question No. 466 may be taken as correct, i.e., the number of Mappillas killed was between 1,200—1,500.

Quarters to Madras Lighthouse-keepers.

648 Q.—Mr. V. Hamid Sultan Marakkayar: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(1) (a) the total amount of the house-rent allowance to light-keepers drawn from the Coast Light Fund during the years 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920 and 1921;

(b) whether it is a fact that all coast lighthouse-keepers in this Presidency have been provided with quarters and furniture, etc., except the Madras lighthouse-keepers; and

(2) whether it is a fact that the Head of the Presidency Port Authorities was pleased to transfer an experienced head light-keeper named A. Muhammad Ibrahim Lody from Port Light to Coast Light Service as an assistant light-keeper in consideration of his continuous good work in the Port Light Service?

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A.—(1) (*a*) The amount paid is as follows :—

		RS.
Official year	1917–18	724
,,	1918–19	831
,,	1919–20	1,117
,,	1920–21	1,338
,,	1921–22	1,594

(*b*) Yes. Of the light-keepers in Madras only the head light-keeper is provided with free quarters, a house being leased in the near neighbourhood of the lighthouse for that purpose.

(2) The facts are as stated.

Surface drains in Negapatam.

649 *Q.*—Mr. V. HAMID SULTAN MARAKKAYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Negapatam Municipal Council have requested the Government in their resolution No. 4, dated 22nd May 1922, to sanction the construction of surface drains in the town and bear the entire cost of the scheme ; and

(*b*) whether it is the intention of the Government to comply with the request of the municipal council ?

A.—(*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*b*) The Government have no such intention.

Adi-Dravida representation in the Negapatam taluk board.

650 *Q.*—Mr. V. HAMID SULTAN MARAKKAYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state why no Adi-Dravidas have been nominated to the Negapatam taluk board in spite of representations made ?

A.—No Adi-Dravida was appointed to the Negapatam taluk board because no suitable candidate was available for nomination.

Europeans and Anglo-Indians in the Negapatam municipal council.

651 *Q.*—Mr. V. HAMID SULTAN MARAKKAYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware that the Europeans and Anglo-Indians of Negapatam had till recently two members to represent them in the Negapatam municipal council ; and

(*b*) why no Europeans have now been appointed to the Negapatam municipal council ?

A.—(*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*b*) An Anglo-Indian will be nominated to the council.

The new system of port lighting.

652 *Q.*—Mr. V. HAMID SULTAN MARAKKAYAR : Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state, in view of the introduction of the new system of port lighting, what steps Government propose to take to provide employment for the light-keepers whose services are below ten years ?